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For: FISH PROCESSING METHOD USING SMOKING LIQUID INTO WHICH SMOKE-  
DRY COMPONENTS ARE DISSOLVED

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

*Submitted herewith is an English language Abstract and Computer Generated English language Translation of Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 9-149761. Also, Japanese Patent No. 173677 discloses a processing method for producing a smoke dried product in which an object is soaked or permeated in a smoking liquid obtained by absorbing and dissolving a soluble substance into an alkaline solution having a certain concentration.*

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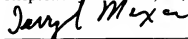
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